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4. Embassy Presents Desalination Study. Embassy transmitted to Foreign Ministry on September 29 copies of the Department of the Interior's feasibility study for a combination sea water desalting and electric power plant at Jidda. The note conveying the report contains USG's offer, if requested, to serve as principal contractors in construction of the \$15 million project designed to meet increasingly critical water and power requirements in Jidda through mid-1971. There has been no reaction so far to the offer, and SAG has stated it would prefer the report not be released to private industry until it has had an opportunity to study the report more thoroughly. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY

1. USS FURSE Visits Jidda. Destroyer USS FURSE under the command of Commander G. W. Fromknecht paid a visit to Jidda harbor October 10-13. The Charge accompanied the ship's captain on protocol calls on the Amir of Mecca.

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the Governor of Jidda and the Commanding General of the Jidda Garrison. The visit's highlight was a three-hour cruise October 12 for Saudi secondary school students and Saudi officers and employees of U.S. business enterprises with headquarters in Jidda. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. Warren Report. Al-Nadwa devoted Page 2 of its October 6 edition to a summary of the Warren Committee's Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy. In a commentary appearing on the same page the paper took a non-committal view of the report, noting that "no matter what people say about the report and about the circumstances and causes of the assassination, the real truth will be kept a secret buried deep in the breasts of those who know the truth. Circumstances in the future might reveal the truth or most of the truth, if not all, on this matter...when most of the people living today cease to exist." (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. CIA Finds Friend. Al-Madina's daily columnist 'Abd al-'Aziz Mu'mina on October 9 credited the Central Intelligence Agency, which he described as "the only reliable thing in American political life," with successfully alerting the world to the danger of a Communist Chinese atom bomb test in the near future. With the back of his hand, however, Mu'mina praised France for recognizing Communist China while criticizing the U.S. for refusing to do so. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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